

REMARKS

Claims 17-36 are active in the present application.

The rejections of Claims 17-36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over (a) Auzely-Velty et al (*Langmuir*, 2000), and (b) Auzely-Velty et al (*Carbohydrate Research*, 31 May 1999), are traversed on the ground that these references may not be cited as prior art against the present application.

Specifically, Auzely-Velty et al (*Langmuir*, 2000) published in 2000 and Auzely-Velty et al (*Carbohydrate Research*) published on May 31, 1999. In contrast, the present application claims priority French patent application number FR 99/05460, filed on April 29, 1999. To perfect their claim of priority, Applicants **file herewith** a certified English translation of this priority document. In view of the submission of the certified English translation of FR 99/05460, Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge full entitlement to the benefit of the filing date of April 29, 1999.

Moreover, Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge that the rejections over Auzely-Velty et al (*Langmuir*, 2000), and (b) Auzely-Velty et al (*Carbohydrate Research*, 31 May 1999), have been withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 28 and 29 (listed as Claims 27 and 28) under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (enablement), is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended Claims 28 and 29 to remove the peracid in favor of the appropriate acid anhydride. MPEP § 2164.01 states:

The test of enablement is whether one reasonably skilled in the art could make or use the invention from the disclosures in the patent coupled with information known in the art without undue experimentation.

Applicants submit that with this amendment further supported by the Examples, the skilled artisan is fully capable of practicing the claimed invention without undue experimentation.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The rejection of Claims 30-36 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (enablement), is obviated by amendment.

Consistent with the Examiner's indication of enabled subject matter, Applicants have amended Claims 30-36 to limit the cyclodextrin derivative to mono-6-(cholest-5-en-3 α -ylamide)succinylamide-6-deoxy-2,2',2'',2''',2''''',2''''''',6',6'',6''',6''''',6'''''''-trideca-O-methyl-cyclomaltoheptaose. Accordingly, these claims are now fully enabled.

Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

The rejection of Claims 17, 19-22, and 28-36 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is obviated by appropriate amendment.

Applicants have amended Claims 28 and 29 to remove the peracid in favor of the appropriate acid anhydride. Applicants wish to thank Examiner Young for bringing this error to their attention.

Further, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the phrase "group derived from a steroid," which the Examiner has found objectionable. In place of this phrase, Applicants have inserted the term "steroid." Applicants note that the skilled artisan would readily appreciate the meaning of this term. To evidence this fact, Applicants submit herewith the definition of "steroid" from the Glossary of Class Names of Organic Compounds and Reactive Intermediates Based on Structure of the IUPAC.

In view of the amendments set forth herein, Applicants submit that the claims are definite within the context of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As such, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

The objection to the Abstract has been obviated by submission of the substitute Abstract appended herewith. In addition, Applicants note that the amendment to Claim 28 hereinabove obviates the objection to this claim for failing to provide a bond connecting the azide moiety to the cyclodextrin of formula (IV).

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge withdrawal of these objections in the next communication from the Office.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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